

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments contained herein in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 9, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment contained herein place the application in condition for allowance.

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2, 4 – 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 14, 16 – 17, 30 – 34, and 36 – 39 remain pending. In particular, Applicant amends claim 8 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claims in a subsequent application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the withdrawn subject matter to the public.

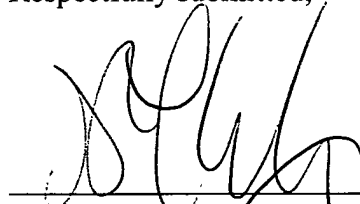
Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections are traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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